

November 20, 2008

To All Interested Parties:

Thank you for your continued interest in Virginia Acute and Long-Term Care (VALTC) integration. Through VALTC, individuals eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare and participants in the Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver will receive their health care **and** long-term care services through a coordinated delivery system.

The Department is making great strides toward implementing VALTC. DMAS staff members continue to work on the behind the scenes processes, including securing federal approval, garnering interest from managed care organizations (MCOs), and implementing the necessary program and information system changes.

To accomplish these tasks, DMAS has made the following changes to the program's design.

- The implementation date for the Tidewater pilot was moved from February 2009 to July 2009.
- Nursing facility coverage will no longer be provided by participating managed care organizations. VALTC participants who require nursing facility coverage will remain in their VALTC MCO for up to sixty days for health care coverage; however, nursing facility care will be covered by DMAS fee-for-service.
- DMAS still plans to implement VALTC in Richmond area, but the Richmond pilot will be delayed until 2010.

In addition, please find the attached Fact Sheet on DMAS' Integrated Care Initiatives. I hope that you find this helpful.

If you have further questions please visit www.dmas.virginia.gov/altc-home.htm or contact Suzanne Gore, Integrated Care Program Manager at 804-786-1609 or Suzanne.gore@dmas.virginia.gov.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,
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